REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 11, 2005. Applicants have attached a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136, extending the statutory period until October 11, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

OBJECTIONS:

Claims 12-14 stand objected to. Applicants have corrected the informalities and respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

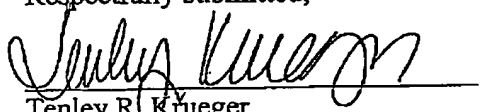
CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,825,146 (*Kilty*) in view of *Chen*.

Although the Office Action cites a reference not cited in a previous Office Action (Kilty), Applicants continue to submit that the references, either alone or in combination, do not teach show or suggest the steps of the pending claims. In particular, both references cited teach two steps (i.e., combined chlorination/titanation steps) followed by activation. Neither reference teaches, shows or suggests a second chlorination step absent the second titanation.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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